



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

### Inyo National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> EIS  *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023	Expected: 09/2023	01/2024	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

Inyo National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region

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<b>Eastern Sierra Fire Restoration and Maintenance Project</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/22/2019	Expected:01/2024	03/2024	Chance Traub 760-873-2430 chance.traub@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Restore and maintain fire regimes to vegetation types characterized by frequent to moderate fire return intervals using prescribed fire and wildfires managed for resource benefit.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56291">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56291</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The non-wilderness portions of the Inyo National Forest outside the White or Inyo Mountains.				
<b>Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Area Assessment</b> CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Scott Kusumoto 760-924-5522 scott.kusumoto@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Assessment of Inyo NF Personal Use Fuelwood Program Open areas				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55238">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55238</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide assessment.				
<b>Inyo National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/06/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2024	Expected:03/2025	10/2025	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 erin.noesser@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Inyo National Forest is evaluating its management of over snow vehicle (OSV) use. The purpose of this project is to designate system roads, trails and areas where OSV use will be allowed, in compliance with 36 CFR 212, Subpart C.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61466">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61466</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Madera, Mono, Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The entire portion of the Inyo National Forest that has adequate snowfall, excluding areas where OSV use is prohibited by law. Interactive map at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5d5ej3dv">https://tinyurl.com/5d5ej3dv</a> .				

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<b>Permit Reissuances - Ongoing, various permit types</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/10/2018	Expected:06/2026	06/2026	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 erin.noesser@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Ongoing and continuous reissuance of various special use authorizations. Examples of these are resorts, research activities, utilities and events. For further information on any specific permit or permitted activities, contact Erin Noesser.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55278">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55278</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Inyo National Forest All Units. STATE - California, Nevada. COUNTY - Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mono, Esmeralda, Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Over the entire Inyo National Forest.				

<b>Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Airport Pit Disposal Site Permit Renewal</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.irons@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of special use permit to the Town of Mammoth Lakes for operation of clean waste disposal at the Airport Pit				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47812">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47812</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mammoth Airport Pit.				
<b>Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project</b> EA	- Fuels management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2023	Expected:07/2024	09/2024	Erin Noesser 760-873-2449 erin.noesser@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Project collaboration website link: <a href="https://www.eswildfirealliance.org/escrpr">https://www.eswildfirealliance.org/escrpr</a> . Approx. 56,000 acre forest restoration project around the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Activities may include thinning of live and dead trees, pile burning, mechanical and hand.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61827">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61827</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Roughly 56,000 acres surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes. From Deadman Creek in the north to Laurel Creek in the south.				

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Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Hot Creek Hatchery Groundwater Monitoring Wells CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/15/2023	08/2023	Nathan Sill 626-698-8996 nathan.sill@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Installation of two monitoring wells at the Hot Creek Fish Hatchery, to monitor groundwater quality effects from sewage percolation ponds.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64235">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64235</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Section 3S, Range 28E, Section 35; and Section 4S, Range 28E, Section 2. East and South of the Hot Creek Fish Hatchery, just outside of the private land boundary.				
Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Redevelopment EIS  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 11/14/2022 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2024	Expected:11/2024	06/2025	Tyler Lee 719-310-0973 tyler.lee@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Mammoth Mountain proposes redeveloping its Main Lodge area on private land, with related development on adjacent National Forest lands. Joint CEQA/NEPA analysis. Proposed construction/reconstruction of parking lots,buildings,chairlifts and ski runs.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62406">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62406</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge area.				
Vista Towers, multi-carrier facility at Little Antelope Communication Site CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Placement of multi-carrier building and tower at the Little Antelope Communications Site				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47317">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47317</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - MDB&M, T. 3S., 28E., Sec 33. Little Antelope Communications Site, north of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport.				

<b>Inyo National Forest Mono Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>
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<b>Inyo National Forest Mono Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Driveway permit to private residence located in the Peterson Tract, June Lake Area</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a special use authorization for driveway for private residence <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47810">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47810</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. June Lake Loop, between Highway 158 and private property located in Peterson Tract.				
<b>Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Territory (MPWHT) Gather</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special area management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2023	Expected:06/2024	09/2024	Joseph Swisher Contact BLM Bishop Field Office @ 760- 872-5000 BLM_CA_Bishop_MPW HT@blm.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Gather and removal of excess wild horses that are located outside MPWHT to protect rangeland resources and proposed critical habitat for greater sage-grouse as well as address public safety concerns along highways/roadways.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mono Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Mono. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mono Lake Ranger District east of Highway 395.				

<b>Inyo National Forest Mount Whitney Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Mazourka Canyon Abandoned Mine Lands Safety Closures</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/17/2023	Expected:11/2023	04/2024	Colleen Garcia 760-873-2424 colleen.garcia@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Safety closures and restoration for three abandoned mine sites in Mazourka Canyon. Closures will include plugging or placing bat-friendly gates on mine shafts, removing abandoned equipment or materials, and placing rocks for more natural appearance.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63824">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63824</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Mazourka Canyon.				

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Inyo National Forest	Mount Whitney Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
Monache Airstrip Restoration Project  CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2023	Expected:12/2023	06/2024	Todd Ellsworth 760-873-2457 todd.ellsworth@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed Monache Airstrip Restoration Project would bring the airstrip back into safe operation. Volunteers with RAF would remove vegetation using hand tools within existing airstrip footprint. Usage expected up to two planes per day in summer.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64125">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64125</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Tulare. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Monache Meadows.				
Thacher School Term Permit Reissuance for Golden Trout Wilderness School  CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2019	Expected:10/2023	12/2023	Julie Hall 760-217-6284 julie.hall2@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Reissuance of a ten year term permit to The Thacher School for operation and maintenance of Golden Trout Wilderness School in the Golden Trout Wilderness.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52420">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52420</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mount Whitney Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo. LEGAL - T16.5S R35E Section 33 and T17S R35E Section 3 as shown on the Cirque Peak, California 7.5 minute USGS Topographic Map. UTM Zone 11, 394616mE, 4038284mN. . On Cottonwood Creek in the Golden Trout Wilderness at a location just south of the John Muir Wilderness. The camp is roughly 2.5 miles north of the Horseshoe Meadow Trailhead.				

Inyo National Forest    White Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
<div>Control Silver Peak Project</div> <div>EIS</div> <div>*NEW LISTING*</div>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 11/2023	Expected:02/2026	04/2026	Nathan Sill 626-574-5328 nathan.sill@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Southern California Edison is proposing to update and reconfigure approximately 61 linear miles of two existing 55 kilovolt subtransmission lines originally designed and built in the 1930s. BLM is lead agency. Full description: https://bit.ly/44zSlg				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64860">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64860</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District.    STATE - California.    COUNTY - Inyo, Mono.    LEGAL - Not Applicable. Silver and Wyman Canyons on the Inyo National Forest.				

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Inyo National Forest    White Mountain Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
Coyote Flat OHV Recreation Enhancement  EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2024	Expected:12/2024	04/2025	Dannon Dirgo 760-873-2561 dannon.dirgo@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Improve road and motorized trail management in the Coyote Flat area. Repair system roads for safety and resource protection, review travel management decision in this area and adjust if needed for resource protection and recreation enhancement.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61311">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61311</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District.    STATE - California.    COUNTY - Inyo.    LEGAL - Not Applicable. Coyote Flat area, Southeast of the City of Bishop.				
LADWP Long Valley Pole Removal and Pole Replacement Project  CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2024	Expected:07/2024	10/2024	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> LADWP Utility Maintenance Project:1)removal of poles & replacement of poles in one line and 2)removal of poles & rehab in second line, 3)relinquish poles				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56523">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56523</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District.    STATE - California.    COUNTY - Mono.    LEGAL - Not Applicable. LADWP locations of distribution line maintenance work is on a combination of LADWP and INF lands, starting at the Upper Gorge power plant down to the Long Valley Dam, on the White Mtn. Ranger District.				
Mineral County Roads Management Project  CE  *UPDATED*	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/23/2023	10/2023	Casey Shannon 760-873-2407 casey.shannon@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Add approximately 0.9 mi of established, non-system road as a motorized trail. Install OHV barriers to block non-system roads, install rolling dips on 10 roads to reduce erosion, re-shape and harden two system roads (O1N131, 02N115.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60447">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60447</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District.    STATE - Nevada.    COUNTY - Mineral.    LEGAL - Not Applicable. East side of the White Mountains in Mineral County, Nevada.				

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Southern California Edison Control-Silver Peak 55kV Reliability Project  EIS  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 11/2023	Expected:06/2026	07/2026	Sheila Irons 760-924-5534 sheila.iron@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Installation of remote fault indicators, packet routers, and installation of remote switches along with poles replacements.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54262">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54262</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - White Mountain Ranger District.    STATE - California.    COUNTY - Inyo.    LEGAL - Not Applicable. Silver Canyon, east of Bishop, CA.				

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